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DXpedition News

Andamans - VU VU4APR/JOS provided some CW activity on 40 and 20 meters, a most refreshing change from the list operations on 20 SSB. VU4APR's frequencies tend to cluster around 14200 and 14020, with an occasional operation on 14226. VU4NRO continues activity on 7003, especially around 1500Z. 'APR has also been on 40 CW about the same time. Some 80 meter skeds have also panned out.

The West Coast continues to find good propagation 01-0200Z, and again about 1530Z. East Coaster DXers might try around 1430 or 1930Z. Midwestern DXers are gnashing their teeth over their very short openings around 0100Z or 1300Z. The VU4 group promises operation through the end of the month; maybe some more CW operators will join them before they leave! QSL VU2APR.

Aves - YV0 4M0ARV is due on March 18-22, on 160-2 meters. Carl and Martha Henson are among the 16 operators. Watch 25 kHz up on CW, and 1825, 3795, 7095, 14195, 21195, and 28595 kHz on SSB. QSL Box 3636, Caracas 1010-A, Venezuela. Sunrise 1030Z, sunset 2230Z.

Libya - 5A Hubert SP6RT is back in Libya with an FT-901 from the European DX Foundation. His signal is much improved! He still operates 5 kHz up on the CW bands, at 05-0700Z and at 1900Z on 40, at 15-1800Z on 20, and 09-1100Z on 15 meters. Friday is his day off, and the best time to catch him. Hubert asks that you don't ask him questions during your QSO; just work him. And QSL manager SP6BZ (address in I378) asks for no callsigns on your envelopes to him.

Kenya - 5Z4 The Colvins are at it again, this time from Kenya as 5Z4KG. Lloyd makes a few CW QSOs on either side of Iris's Snooky net checkin at 1800Z on 14183. They'll wrap up their '87 Yasme trip on March 27 to head back to the States and Visalia. QSL Yasme, of course.

Sudan - ST PA0GAM should be in Sudan now, for an extended stay. He had received assurances of operating permission before leaving The Netherlands. Listen for him.

Saipan - KH0 JO1CRA will be /AH0 March 27-30 for the WPX SSB, on 80-10 meters. QSL home call.

Anguilla - VP2E Dick WA4WIP and Ron KP2N will operate RTTY from Anguilla March 20-23, including the BARTG RTTY contest. Watch the usual RTTY frequencies, including 7090 and 7040 kHz. QSL WA4WIP.

Tromelin - FR/T FR5AI's plans to operate from this rare location have fallen through. No word on rescheduling.

Ivory Coast - TU TU4A came on the air as expected on the 16th. The gang has a surprise in store for you soon; keep your ears open. Meanwhile, they're very workable on the low bands.

Shortly Noted

- **4S7RO** holds forth on 7006 1200-1230Z.
- **ZL7DE** adds 80 meters to his active repertoire, on 3506 kHz at 1400Z.
- **CE0FFD** on Easter Island (SA-01) likes 21030 at 1800Z daily.
- **UA1ODX** is a new station on Franz Josef Land.
- **FJ prefix** Hams on the island of St.Barthélemy in the West Indies (NA-22) sport new FJ prefixes, as of March 13. FJ5AB was among the first to air the new call. QSL FJ5AB via FG5CB.
- **9N1MC** on 40 CW recently was probably North Pacific Slim again (aka P9, 9N1KS, etc.) Signals are too loud, fade patterns are wrong, and the band openings are too lengthy for actual Nepal stations.
- **China Strong** BY signals are making many East Coast DXers happy. BY4RB, BY1QH, and BY9GA are very active on 20 M CW around 23-0100Z. BY0AA from CQ Zone 23 also likes 14025 kHz at 01-0200Z.

— Chod Harris VP2ML Editor

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PROPAGATION

Forecast and Historical Data

Day	Forecast	27 Days Before				55 Days Before			
		Date	Flux	A	K	Date	Flux	A	K
20	High Nor	2/21	72	15/21	3	1/26	75	08/06	2
21	High Nor	2/22	72	16/22	2	1/27	72	05/09	2
22	High/Low	2/23	72	10/14	2	1/28	73	07/11	3
23	High/Low	2/24	72	08/16	2	1/29	73	09/11	0
24	High Nor	2/25	75	10/08	2	1/30	72	02/06	0
25	High Nor	2/26	75	05/07	2	1/31	71	05/10	2
26	Low Nor	2/27	75	09/14	4	2/1	71	05/08	2
27	Low Nor	2/28	75	10/16	2	2/2	72	07/06	3
28	High Nor	3/1	74	06/10	2	2/3	72	05/06	1
29	High Nor	3/2	75	04/06	2	2/4	70	03/07	2
30	High Nor	3/3	73	07/11	2	2/5	69	03/05	2
Thanks N4XX		and KH6BZF.							

Propagation Watch

[Note change in forecast for Mar. 22-23. N4XX sees a return of the disturbed conditions of Feb.] The present forecast for WPX SSB looks great, as the contest is 27 days (one solar revolution) after the fantastic conditions we had at the end of Feb. and early March. This could be another winner similar to CQWW SSB. (How do the CQ contest types do it?) The bad news is that few of these new-cycle spots are lasting more than a full solar revolution, so the 27-day predictions aren't as accurate as they are at later times in the sunspot cycle. Many spots are dying on the disc, and few of those spots we do see disappear around the rim show up again. All this makes propagation prediction chancy. Your best bet is to get on the air as much as you can, and decide for yourself how good the bands are.

Visalia DX Convention Program

Co-Chairmen Len Gheraldi K6ANP and Lyle Meek WW6F have announced the program for the 1987 International DX Convention April 3-5, at the Grosvenor Hotel. The list includes computers and DX; contest, DX, and antenna forums; TI9W, VK9YW, VK9XI, and FO0X DXpeditions; The Colvins, and JY7Z. Headlining the Saturday night banquet is Einer Enderud LA1EE/3Y1EE.

Many distinguished DX visitors plan to attend, including Baldur DJ6SI, Fred K3ZO, JA1BK, and many others. It's not too late to preregister (\$45) via Jim Hicks KK6X, 2260 Santa Fe Drive, Santa Rosa CA 95405. The DX Bulletin will see you there! -ed.

Amateur Radio Suspended in Indonesia

Dudy Ramli YB0DP0 of the Orari National QSL Bureau in Jakarta reports that the Indonesian government has imposed a "radio silence" on all Indonesian ham stations from Mar. 17 until May 1, 1987. The General Elections on April 23 are cited as the reason for the suspension. Let's hope ham radio resumes after May 1, as promised!

The 1987 WPX SSB Contest

March 28-29 marks the annual who's who of amateur radio, when all the strange prefixes force DXers to break out the International Prefix Allocation chart to see who they have worked. Coming at the end of the contest season, the WPX SSB has been attracting increasing attention from stateside and DX stations alike, probably due to the ease of working lots of multipliers, and the low-band bonus scoring. Lots of good DX should be available in the 1987 event, including: TI2CC by NE8Z; 4U1UN by some JAs; CT8UA by CT1UA; FV6CIN by F6BVB; V31JQ by WB8YUC; JA2NQG/JD1; HD2A; H20X by 5B4LP; KC6IF by KQ1F; A24EE by VE3FXT; FO0SSJ by K8JRK; 3A7 calls by 3A2s; VP2ML, and many others. See you in the pileups! -ed.

Southeastern DX Club

New officers for the active Southeastern DX Club are: President Ken Byers K4TEA, Vice President Mike Greenway K4PI, Secretary John Harden K4JAG, Treasurer Bill Blaine W4UYC, Activities Manager Dave Thompson K4JRB, and Director Bill Barr N4NX. Congratulations to all! Carl Henson WB4ZNH is directing the 1987 DXPO, tentatively scheduled for Sept. Rumors that Carl is making a list of DX operators who will attend DXPO 87 are not true.

Notes From Here and There

More Deleted Countries The New York Times reports in its Feb. 12, 1987 edition that Spain, Great Britain, and Morocco are negotiating to return the foreign enclaves of Gibraltar (ZB), and Ceuta and Melilla (EA9) to Spain and Morocco respectively. Such a move would eliminate separate DXCC country status for the two enclaves. Work 'em now!

St. Kitts and Nevis V44 Tom Gallagher N6RA operated /V44 from Nevis (NA-22) in early Feb. Then he moved on to St. Kitts, where he managed 185 QSOs in a single hour of operation in ARRL CW! That's humming! QSL Tom's fine operation to his home call.

Net List Available

Interested in nets? S. Bill HB9SQK has a 20 page list of more than 500 HF nets available for US\$4. The list is broken down by day of operation, time, and frequency, and includes regional coverage nets, YL nets, emergency and weather nets, and of course lots of DX nets. Active contesters will want a copy to pick up a few extra multipliers. Contact HB9SQK at P O Box 34, CH-5300 Turgi, Switzerland.

CONTESTS

RTTY Contests

CQ Magazine and the RTTY Journal are joining forces to sponsor the CQ WW RTTY contest, on the last full weekend of September. This new contest reflects the increasing popularity of RTTY, in these days of packet demodulators and micro-computers. Contest manager is RTTY Journal DX editor Roy Gould KT1N. Full details are in the April 1987 issue of CQ Magazine.

And the BARTG RTTY Contest is this weekend: March 21-22. Over 100 stations participated in the 1986 British Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group spring test, led by ON4UN. KT1N won top North American honors, and was third in the world (for the second consecutive year.) Rules are in CQ Magazine.

QSL INFO

QSL Help Wanted

• JR6CMB, QSL manager for H44JA, and KH2A Mar '87 for KI4GV. [Neither is in '87 Callbook.]

QSL Help Offered

NOTE: F6FNU is no longer a member of REF, and thus will not get cards sent to him via the bureau. He is QSL manager for some 70 active DX stations, and it looks like direct will be the only way to go. He asks for donations over and above postage costs.

• XW8HP was operated by JA3JYX, at Callbook adr.

• GM4ILS (aka VP8BFM) is Ron Adams, 1 Woodland Crescent, Bushmill, Elgin, Morayshire IV30 2LY, Scotland.

• CT3CU is via W2ZZ.

• and contrary to erroneous information in other publications, K2SS/VP2V is via WA6AHF, NOT, repeat NOT via K2SS. If you tried via K2SS, try again to WA6AHF.

Call	100th QSO	Best DX
K8YSE	24 JAN 9Q 7J 5U ZD9 S7 TZ C2 FT8 KH3 KX6	
KE7X	25 FEB ALL CW 5T ON 80 M	
N7FTL	28 FEB 2359Z BY FT8W TI9 VK9Y	
K6PU	5 MAR ALL CW FT8W/Z TR T7 VU4 VK9Y ZL7	
WF5E	7 MAR V85 BV TZ 9L 3D2 BY FT8 C3 ZL7 HZ FJL	
K6LRN	8 MAR "close and easy" VU4	
WA6LIJ	8 MAR 3Y FR/G JW XF4	
N6JM	8 MAR BV BY TI9 3C S9 9J CT3 HZ AP 3X 9Q	
K1VST	8 MAR HK0 7J TR TZ 5N 5X 7X 9J 9Q	
AA4SY	8 MAR XF4 T9 7Q 7X ZD7 ZD8 ZY0 LU/Z 3Y	
K6JB	10 MAR ALL CW TR8 CX0 VK9Y VU4 3Y 5L 5T	

Some comments from readers: "One thing the Jubilee has done is increase the pileups. Everyone is going after countries that we would not have bothered with last year. Maybe we should have more of this type of activity." -K6JB "This was fun! I am not the oldest, but am 70 years." -N7FTL "Anyone involved in the last two DXC Tests should have or be near completion on the Golden Jubilee!" -N6JM

[illegible]

UI9AWD	707	1358	12	CA	SU/	14295	1930	8	GA
UL8PZZ	7004	1332	9	CA	KA4DNI				
V85AA	7005	1417	9	OR	T30CI	14230	0250	5	CA
VK9NL	7017	1223	5	AL	T32/	14178	0420	5	CA
VK9NS	7004	1130	13	FL	KH6GDR				
VP2MU	7080	0240	7	OH	T32/	14190	0000	1	VA

Reports Wanted, Especially RTTY, 30 meters

RTTY			
4X6RA	14088	1510	28 MA
A61XL	14086	1150	27 MA
AP2KS	14093	1138	25 MA
CN8CC	14096	1130	28 MA
CO1AUR	14080	1430	28 MA
HI8RPL	14090	0031	10 CA
HK2TW	14088	2351	9 CA
HL1AHJ	14086	2320	1 MA
HV2VO	14090	1530	8 OH
ISOMVE	14092	1711	4 CA
J73EH	14084	0001	10 CA
KC6CS	14088	2355	28 MA
ON4PL	14098	1714	4 CA
PY7JJ	14089	2354	5 CA
TA1D	14080	1200	1 MA
TA1F	14090	1200	1 MA
VU2IJ	14083	1340	22 MA
WP4C	14095	1500	1 MA
YB2BLI	14083	1200	24 MA

160 MTRS			
8Q7CH	1832	0020	3 MA
C02CB	1848	0417	1 VT
C02PY	1834	0415	3 MI
COXOY	1845	0800	4 MI
CXOXY	1846	0610	8 GA
J70A	1834	0400	2 MI
KH6CC	1825	0520	4 MA
KX6DS	1827	0810	4 MI
KX6DS	1832	0905	8 GA
VK5KL	1830	1215	3 MI

80 MTRS			
3B8CF	3507	0200	3 MA
4X4VE	3503	2253	5 NH
7P8DP	3778	0420	2 MI
8Q7CH	3501	2318	2 MA
EA8RL	3507	0353	9 MT

EX80	3502	1115	8	NH
FK8KAA	3502	1155	7	NH
FT8ZA	3790	1520	8	CA
FT8ZA	3785	1515	13	CA
HK1KXA	3506	0421	7	MT
KHOAC	3780	0945	7	IL
KH9AC	3789	0727	6	CA
KX6QR	3799	0729	9	CA
PJ7/	3798	0631	5	CA

K2KTT			
PZ1AV	3502	0359	5 NH
RO40A	3510	0223	13 FL
TA4A	3500	2313	1 MA
TU4CG	3504	2332	4 NH
UA00I	3506	1430	11 OR
	Obblast 85		
UA00I	3504	2322	11 FL
UC2LB	3507	0505	1 MO
VK2CWK	3798	1234	2 MI
VK3NC	3502	1115	7 NH
VK6HD	3501	2220	1 MA
VK7RY	3502	1120	8 NH
	(QC-06)		

VU4APR	3786	1502	7	CA
VU4APR	3505	1440	13	CA
YB0DPZ	3795	1430	12	CA
YN3EO	3790	0400	3	MI
YV1NX	3508	0227	13	FL
ZL7DE	3506	1425	9	AZ
ZP5XDW	3511	0500	1	MO
ZS1MH	3780	0410	3	MI
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40 MTRS				
3B8CF	7005	0305	11	CO
4H1K	7016	0336	5	MT
4K1C	7004	1430	11	ID
4K1H	7011	0255	6	CO
4K1H	7002	0258	3	MI
4K1H	7002	0345	2	MO
4S7RO	7001	1230	4	MA
4S7RO *	7002	1240	8	ID
5H3ZR	7012	0425	7	CO
6Y5HN	7008	1145	14	FL
BV2FA	7005	1458	9	CA
C21NI	7005	1445	11	ID

UI9AWD	7017	1358	12	CA
UL8PZZ	7004	1332	9	CA
V85AA	7005	1417	9	OR
VK9NL	7017	1223	5	AL
VK9NS	7004	1130	13	FL
VP2MU	7080	0240	7	OH

	The Last Resort		
VS6DO	7003	1200	2 MI
VU2TEC *	7003	1350	11 ID
VU4APR	7003	0046	11 CA
VU4APR	7003	1611	6 OR
VU4APR	7003	1510	9 CA
VU4APR	7003	1530	12 CA
VU4NRO	7005	1545	9 CA
VU4NRO	7004	1530	13 CA
VU4NRO	7003	1224	10 CA
ZD8CW	7007	0740	5 MT
ZL7DE	7002	1430	28 MT
ZL7TZ	7005	0900	27 VA
ZS1H	7002	1600	12 CA
ZS2EE	7006	1550	9 CA
ZS5WT	7011	0333	9 MT

30 MTRS
CT3DJ 10104 2245 1 MI

20 MTRS

5T7WP	14001	1205	1	MA
5B4SA	14192	1727	15	CA
5H3ZR	14013	2045	9	OH
5H3ZR	14007	2008	6	MN
5H3ZR	14007	2055	12	CA
5L2AB	14188	0155	13	CA
5L2FT	14217	2313	1	MI
5V7SA	14183	2125	5	OR
5X5GK	14280	2040	7	AL
5Z4KG	14183	1920	11	CA
5Z4KG	14182	2000	12	CA
5Z4KG	14005	1910	14	CA
6W1PC	14160	0035	6	OR
9L1SL	14263	1725	4	MA
9M2KY	14027	0130	11	OR
9M2KY	14024	1325	4	MA
9M2KY	14010	0115	7	GA
9Q5DA	14025	2000	14	CA
9Q5KI	14014	0040	8	MN
9Q5KI	14010	2228	1	MT
9Q5NW	14183	2131	8	AL

BY13F	14236	0145	6	CA
BYOAA	14024	0054	11	OR
BY1PK	14200	0050	3	IL
BY1QH	14040	0025	5	MA
BY1QH	14039	0000	4	OH
BY1QH	14240	0110	10	MN

BY4RB	14023	0046	10	MN
BY4RB	14025	2317	3	MA
BY4RB	14026	2335	1	MA
BY4RB	14024	2310	3	MA
BY9GA	14030	0100	3	MI
BY9GA	14030	0050	2	MA
BY9GA	14030	0028	4	GA
C21NI	14030	0100	11	OR
C21NI	14191	0400	5	CA
C31SD	14013	1924	2	CT
EA9IE	14242	1210	8	GA
FJ5AB	14156	0025	13	CA
GJ2LU	14201	1505	4	CA
HV3SJ	14204	1950	11	CA
HV3SJ	14206	1725	15	CA
HZ1HZ	14003	1412	5	MN
JT/OK1XC	14006	0300	10	CA
JY5DL	14022	1937	27	MT
OD5SM	14192	1410	26	OH
OX3UD	14034	2132	2	CT
OY3H	14009	2150	2	CT
OY7ML	14004	1712	6	CA
SU/	14295	1930	8	GA

KA4DNI			
T30CI	14230	0250	5 CA
T32/	14178	0420	5 CA
KH6GDR			
T32/	14190	0000	1 VA

TR8JJC	14007	2045	5	OR
TR8JLD	14008	2112	5	MN
TR8SA	14270	1850	8	GA
TU4CG	14222	2240	28	CA
TZ6FIC	14009	1655	4	MA
UZ0OWA	14031	0135	6	OR
V85HG	14195	2335	12	CA
VK0GC	14190	0530	1	MO
VP2M/	14223	2240	4	CA
N2EDL	The Last Resort			
VR6YL	14179	0215	11	CA
VU2APR	14225	0112	3	MI
VU2TS	14005	1336	2	CT
ZB2EO	14010	2014	12	CA
ZD7AF	14164	2235	5	VA
ZD7AL	14243	0048	6	VA
ZD7XY	14214	2207	26	VA
ZD7XY	14159	0025	6	OH
ZD8HH	14160	2319	2	CA
ZL7AA	14191	0325	4	CA

15 MTRS				
3C1MB	21210	1430	26	OH
4X5000	21295	1500	26	OH
6W7PE	21215	1445	26	OH
7P8DX	21237	1539	8	AL
7Q7LW	21285	1620	4	MA
9J2BO	21026	1550	1	VA
C53FB	21290	2052	1	CA
CE0FFD	21030	1800	11	AZ
CE0FFD	21007	2012	8	MN
H44JA	21240	2225	28	MO
KH3/	21256	2329	1	CA
KL7LF				
KH3/	21244	2031	8	AL
KL7LF				

OD5AS	21236	1450	26	OH
P29DE	21209	2226	14	CA
V31CV	21287	2311	5	CA
VP8BKK	21290	2250	27	CA
VP8BKK	21348	1731	8	GA
ZC4EE	21020	1420	26	OH
ZD8TM	21023	1802	2	VA
10 MTRS				
3G3E	28568	2005	8	CO
HKOHEU	28550	1810	7	OK
HKOHEU	28604	1857	7	MN

Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of month, state. * = long path, P = Packet. All 'portable' calls are listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.

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(Changes and hot info in boldface.)

Amsterdam - FT FT8ZA 3795 1530Z I373
Andamans - VU VU4APR Now-Mar 31 I376
14200,020 at 0030-0200Z
or 7003 at 13-1600Z I378
Anguilla - VP2E WA4WIP, KP2N on RTTY I379
Aves - YV0 4M0ARV Mar 18-22 I379
Belau - KC6 WCI KC6s MX+IF Mar 16-29 I378
Belize - V31 V31JQ Mar 27-Apr 7 I374
Botswana - A2 A24EE Mar 20-31 I377
Brunei - V8 V85AA 40 CW 14-1600Z I378
Chatham - ZL7 ZD7DE 7008 often I378
and 3506 at 1400Z I379
China - BY 14025,200 0030-0200Z I378
Crozet - FT8W FT8WA 7007 13-1400Z I377
Easter Is - CE0 CE0FFD 21030 1800Z I379
Egypt - SU SU1ER 14227 1800Z I376
Franz Josef Land UA10DX now active I379
Galapagos HC8 HD8G now set for May I378
Gambia - C5 DK7PE/C5 160 from Mar 16
Hong Kong - VS6 UO+DO 7002 12-1500Z I378
India - VU 0130-0230 20/40M + 1200Z
Ivory Coast - TU TU4A 160 from Mar 15 I378
Johnston Is. KH3 KN4BPL/ 1846 0600Z I374
Kampuchea - XU XU1SS 7088 at 0100z I376
Kenya - 5Z 5Z4KG until Mar 27 I379
Libya - 5A 5A0A up 5 kHz often I379
Malawi - 7Q7 7Q7LW 7005 0400Z I372
Marshall - KX6 KX6DS at 7006 after 0930Z
Mauritius - 3B8 3B8CF 3507 01-0200Z I374
Mellish - VK0 VK0MW August I367
Montserrat - VP2M W1SD Mar. 29-Apr. 3 I378
VP2ML Mar 27-30
Neth. Ant. - PJ W1BIH/PJ2 often I371
Nevis - V44 W1SD Mar 22-28 I378
Nicobar - VU VU4NRO/SUS 7010 1500 I377
Ogasawara - JD JA2NQG/JD1 Mar 27-29 I374
St. Barts - FJ New FJ prefix Mar 13 I379

St. Pierre - FP KA1CRP/FP Apr 1-9 I372
Saipan - KH0 JO1CRA/AH0 Mar 27-30 I379
Sri Lanka - 4S 4S7RO 7006 1200-1230Z
Sudan - ST by PA0GAM in March. I367
Svalbard - JW SP5EXA/JW June-Aug I374
Tahiti - FO FO0SSJ Mar 27-Apr 7 I377
Thailand - HS HS0A in contests, HS0B
on weekends I377
United Nations 4U1UN Mar 22-30 I377
Wake Is. - KH9 KH9AC 14309 0330Z
1827 at 07-0800Z I374
Zaire - 9Q5 9Q5KI 20 CW 1900Z+ I375
7003 at 2300Z I376

DX Activities and Contests

Date	Event or Activity	Info
Mar 21-22	Bermuda Contest	CQ
Mar 21-22	BARTG RTTY Contest	CQ
Mar 28-29	WPX SSB	CQ
Mar 31: DXCC Honor Roll Deadline at Hq.		
April 3-5	International DX Conv.	KK6X
Einar 3Y1EE/LA1EE Banquet Speaker		
April 24-26	Dayton Hamvention	
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